

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 945
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06th December, 2021**

Complaints of Spurious Bio-Diesel

945. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received complaints of spurious mix which is sold as Bio-diesel;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) what is its impact on vehicles; and
- (d) what steps Government intends to take to stop the spurious Bio-Diesel?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL
GAS
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELD)**

(a) & (b): Complaints have been received regarding sale of spurious mix which is sold as Bio-diesel in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Telangana, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu.

(c): Vehicles are designed to run on fuel conforming to BIS standards and therefore, use of this spurious mix is likely to damage engine of the vehicles.

(d): The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas vide notification dated 30.04.2019 has issued "Guidelines for sale of Biodiesel for blending with high speed diesel for transportation purposes-2019". As per clause x of these Guidelines, the State/UT Government authorities shall have the power to carry out regular inspections of the retail outlets selling biodiesel to ensure that the biodiesel is being made available to the customers in the right quality and quantity.

Further, based on reports/representations received from dealer federations of various State/UTs regarding sale of spurious biodiesel through unauthorized retail outlets, OMCs have taken the matter with the respective State/UTs to curb this menace. OMCs have informed that District Administrations in several States/UTs have conducted raids to curb the menace of sale of spurious biodiesel through unauthorized Retail Outlets.

The Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas has also written to all the Chief Secretaries and Administrators of the States and UTs to look into the matter of sale of unauthorized product in the name of biodiesel and issue necessary directions to curb this menace.
